

Little Britain United Church – Council Meeting – Minutes – March 14, 2018

Draft

Attendance: Shirley Froehlich, Rev. Shelly Manley-Tannis, Tanya Wiegand, Linda Ward, Rod McLean

Regrets: Margaret Speer

Call to Order at 6:32 pm by Shirley Froehlich

Acknowledgement of Territory and Opening Prayer

Additions to the Agenda

Old Business:

- Old Chairs
- PAR #s

New Business:

- A+ Computers

Review of Agenda

Moved by Linda Ward/Shannon Leask to accept. Carried.

Review of Meeting Minutes for January 31, 2018

Moved by Linda Ward/Shirley Froehlich to accept. Carried.

Reports

Finance (Rod)

- January and February current balance \$11,454.53 as of end of Feb. However \$2,000 in expenses has not been processed yet.

Income in Jan and Feb are balanced left with 200 after all expenses were paid for both months

There was \$ 182.50 in profit from the Pancake Breakfast in February

Ministry and Personnel (Linda)

Ministry & Personnel Committee

- The M & P committee last met on Jan 28, 2018
- The M & P committee will meet in the near future to discuss Rev. Shelly's last day of work at LBUC
- Lila and I attended a training workshop for M & P committee members at Selkirk United on Feb 24, 2018 - Information that was provided and reviewed at the workshop included:

Workplace Violence and Harassment Policy, Resources for Ministry and Personnel Committees (July 2017), and Ministry and Personnel Committees: Policies, Procedures, Practices (July 2017)

Caring for the People Team (Susie)

Caring for the People Team – Meeting Minutes February 4, 2018

Present: Tanya W, Jeanette T, Shelly MT, Susie S

1. Discussion regarding Lenten series, which will focus on “giving up”. This theme will be explored during Sunday services as well as in a study group to accommodate more attendees. ie. Sundays, after church, or Wed. Shelly will ask members regarding best time to hold study groups to afternoons
2. Palm Sunday (March 25) – palm fronds have been ordered
3. Good Friday (March 30) service will be held at 10 am and will be followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments (hot cross buns and beverages)
4. Easter Sunday (April 1) – Communion will be “served” vs intinction. Jeanette will approach people to serve. Susie to provide elements. Dale to purchase flowers to decorate sanctuary.
5. April 22 (Earth/Camping Sunday) – discussed ideas regarding how to honour this theme. ? Shelly to ask Shirley to speak about life cycle of the butterfly.
6. Christian Family Sunday – Communion service (by intinction) and celebrate Mother’s Day. Tanya to provide elements. Will need 3 members to assist with same.
7. Sunday School continues, each Sunday, with small numbers of children attending. Fran provides leadership and teaches along with Hannah B, as our youth assistant. Tanya W and Susie S have been taking on some Sunday classes.

Respectfully submitted by Susie Slobodian

Caring for the Space Team – Cemetery, Property, Buildings (Judy)

The following is from the annual report to the congregation:

Plans for the upcoming year:

- Replace cracked glass in north facing windows of the sanctuary
- Continue the repair of the pew anchors
- Sand, paint and replace weather stripping in those same windows
- Sand and repaint remaining bench and garbage containers
- Give the shed a bit of a facelift by painting trim and the side door
- Sand and repaint the cemetery directory
- Repair the stucco on the bell tower especially where the wasps like to live
- Decide on the future of the chairs currently stored in the shed

- Try to rodent proof the sanctuary by fixing the soffits.
- Cut and trim trees and haul away the brush from the west edge of the parking lot/

Recommendation:

On the last Saturday of April or the first one of May there will be a major yard clean up from 9 am to 3 pm – weather permitting, of course. In addition, we had received a letter from Manitoba Department of Sustainable test was taken today (March 13) by Nancy Fitzgerald from the regional drinking Development re the need to have the water at the hall tested quarterly. Our first water office in Gimli. She went through the procedures and helped us with the application for a drinking water operating licence. Once we are in the system we will be required to submit water samples quarterly to the ALS Lab. We will have to establish some type of remittance system (to be determined) in order to pay for these tests. It will be about \$80 - \$100 per calendar year.

Thanks to John for the wonderful snow clearing job done after the snowfall of March 5.

Cemetery Report

Since the beginning of the year there has been one interment in the cemetery – Ada Marge Clarke on February 16.

Restoration of the McKenzie plot is on hold for the winter months.

Caring for the Work of the Church Team (Margaret)

- No report

Hall Management (Tara)

- No report

Presbytery (Shannon)

- The last Selkirk Presbytery meeting was held on Feb. 24, 2018 at the Selkirk United Church. Unfortunately, neither myself nor Shelly were available for this meeting. The agenda for the meeting showed that the meeting was focused on a Boundaries workshop as the United Church of Canada is in a transition year should the remits of the General Conference 42 pass final approval. This would see the dissolution of Presbyteries and geographical boundaries for the change to a Three Court Model structure. Discussion on how this might look is ongoing. There was also a workshop for Ministry and Personnel members during the meeting time.
- The next Presbytery meeting will be held on April 28

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Leask

Minister (Rev. Shelly)

- Invited people to think about Environmental hopes for the future for the church. A `green` church was mentioned in the JNAC of 2013 and in the new Mission statement the protection of the environment is mentioned. There has been no consistency in what that means. There needs to be some thought into how to clarify this with the congregation. Question of what should and shouldn't be recycled. Also there are compost containers that are not being used.
- To make it easier to know what to recycle pictures could be posted of what can be recycled and what can't be recycled.
- Suggestion was made about looking into the possibility of purchasing a dishwasher
- Shirley will ask congregation for volunteers for a "Green Team" committee
- Shelly had an exit interview with M&P
- Shelly is enjoying the study group "Giving it Up"

Acceptance of Reports. Moved by Rod McLean/Shannon Leask to accept. Carried.

Fundraising

Quiz Night will be held on March 24, 2018

Church Events

- Lasagna Dinner – October 20, 2018

- RRCRT * Soup Kitchen Fundraiser, March 17, 2018 - RRCRT would like to borrow some of our old blue chairs? Yes by consensus. Not sure when they will pick them up. Shirley can open up the shed on Saturday for them.

- Garage Sale, June 28, 29, 30, July 1, 2018

Old Business

- PAR #s – 2013 – 2016 went down over that time period from \$41,000 to \$31,000. 2017 up to \$37,000 a little over 50%
- Bell Tower Grant – Selkirk Community Foundation won't fund projects already completed. Soffits still have to be done. Can apply to provincial government and community foundation for that. The masons have applied from their group for funding for the Bell Tower.
- World Day of Prayer – went very well. Suriname was the country this year. Refreshments. Good attendance. Little Britain will host next year, March 1, 2019. Linda will be away next year. Tanya will look after next years' service.
- A+ - up until now Richard has been doing the content and maintenance. Do we want \$225.00 +tax per year for a hosting bundle and other maintenance? Yes by consensus.

New Business

- Ministerial Profile Team not completed yet – Special Council meeting either on March 22, 25 or 27 to review and approve Ministry Profile Document & Financial Viability Review before April 8 so it can be presented to the congregation after church. The Ministry Profile Document and Financial Viability Review has to be approved by Council before it goes to the congregation for approval. Someone will be appointed by Presbytery to attend the congregational meeting. Council will meet at 9:00 am on March 25 just after church.
- Rentals for free – do groups that don't pay for a rental (especially those who use it multiple times) do they have an agreement that they have signed? Need to have contacts for these people. We don't have a form. A document needs to be completed. Do we need a Hall Committee? There has been one in the past. Shirley will look into creating a form for those who don't pay for rentals to sign.
- Selling chairs in garage? The new current chairs are dirty and should be washed. Who would pay for them? Talk with the Masons about this issue, maybe come to a solution. Shirley will contact the Mason to discuss this. In the meantime we will keep the old chairs.
- Updating Church Roll – Judy and Fran went through the Church Roll. Fran is going to talk to some of the people on the list. Don't necessary have contacts for everyone. May have to look at Google. Church Roll is a list Church members. There are people on the list that have not been coming for some time. The church has to pay Presbytery for Church Members that are on the Roll. Rod would like the Stewardship Committee to deal with this before someone else calls those on the list.
- Request for a reduction in half rental for a Cancer Care fundraiser on May 12 from Margaret – It has come to our attention that we can't offer special rates under CRA rules. However a suitable donation is welcome.
- Soup Kitchen will take place on April 22, 2018.

Correspondence

- Letter from Manitoba Sustainable Development about water testing. Judy has met with the government about this.
- Letter from RM of St. Andrew's – thank you for the Christmas hampers
- Letter from A+ Computers

Next Meeting Dates: May 30, Sept. 12, Nov. 7

Meeting Closing Prayer

Adjournment – 9:25 pm

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